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FOLLOWING REPEAT GENEVA 6122 ACTION SECSTATE INFO USUN NEW YORK
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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 6122

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: ECOSOC, EGEN, UN, XF, PORC

SUBJ: 63RD ECOSOC: INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS

REF: GENEVA 6057

1. US DEL WILL SUBMIT COMPLETE RUNDOWN OF OUR POLL OF
OTHER DELEGATIONS LATER BUT FOLLOWING IS ROUGH OVERVIEW
OF THE SITUATION AS OF THIS POINT: (A) LATIN AMERICA:
WITH EXCEPTION OF MEXICO (SEE REFTEL), LATIN AMERICANS
SEEM WILLING TO SUPPORT IDEA OF DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE BUT
FEEL 1978 IS TOO EARLY; (B) WEO'S:EC-9 MOVING TWOARD
POSITION THAT A COMMITMENT TO A DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE
"AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE" BUT PROBABLY WOULD
ACCEPT 1979. NORDICS LACKING FINAL INSTRUCTIONS BUT
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INCLINED TO FAVOR US PROPOSAL WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT DATE.
SAME TRUE FOR CANADA; (C) AFRICA: ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO
GET A CLEAR READING BUT UGANDA AND NIGERIA CONTINUE
TO INSIST ON IMPORTANCE OF ILLICIT PAYMENTS IN
SOUTHERN AFRICA AS PRE-CONDITION FOR THEIR SUPPORT:
(D) ARAB: SYRIA HAS PROMISED TO HELP BUT IS TOTALLY
UNFAMILIAR WITH SUBJECT. NO REACTION FROM OTHER

ARAB STATES AS YET; (E) ASIA; NO REACTIONS.

2. WE HAVE SEEN INSTRUCTIONS TO UK DELEGATION WHICH ARE EXPLICIT IN STATING THAT FURTHER PREPARATIONS ARE REQUIRED BEFORE ECOSOC SHOULD DECIDE ON A DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE. UK CAN ACCEPT A REFERENCE IN THE DRAFT TO A DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE BUT IT MUST BE CONDITIONAL UPON PREPARATIONS REACHING A SATISFACTORY STATE. UK INTERPRETATION OF OUR POSITION AT THE RECENT WORKING GROUP MEETING WAS THAT THEY WERE WILLING TO GO ALONG WITH A DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE IF THERE WAS AN OVERWHELMING CONSENSUS TO THAT EFFECT, AND SUCH A CONSENSUS WAS NOT EVIDENT AT THE WORKING GROUP OR AT THE CURRENT ECOSOC.

3. PER TELEPHONIC INSTRUCTIONS, WE ARE NOT (AND HAVE NOT) DISCUSSED LANGUAGE ON CODE OF CONDUCT. WOULD BARCELO'S HARD POSITION IN LATIN AMERICAN GROUP WOULD PRESENT SERIOUS PROBLEM. VANDEN HEUVEL UNQUOTE VANCE

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